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MARYLAND'S OWN SON

The State Convention Cheering for Gorman All Day Long.

THE RIGHT SORT OF RING

A Platform Sound and Strong—Nominations for State Offices Made by Acclamation and Senator Gorman Endorsed.

BALTIMORE, July 30.—Senator Gorman was not present at the state democratic convention to-day but remained at Washington. Hon. Barnes Compton, chairman of the state central committee, called the convention to order at noon. Ex-Governor Henry Lloyd was selected as chairman. The preliminary organization being completed and nominations being in order, Dr. Frank T. Shaw of Carroll county placed in nomination Frank Brown for governor. He was declared the nominee by acclamation.

The platform, after commending the candidates nominated, takes up matters of national interest and contrasts unfavorably the administration of President Harrison and the late republican congress with the administration of President Cleveland and the democratic congress. It declares the republican administration and congress has disregarded the pledges of its party with regard to civil service reform and a reduction of taxes incident to the tariff. The civil service of the United States as a whole to-day, it declares, is a partisan organization doing political service for the administration by which it is employed. President Harrison and the republican congress found on their advent to power a large surplus in the treasury, left by the economical democratic administration, a surplus which told a plain tale to the people, demonstrating that taxes imposed by the republican administration are in excess of the needs of the government economically administered, and therefore unnecessary and unjust. In place of reduction which people were led to expect, the finances of the country have been mismanaged and wild speculations and commercial disasters had followed in its train. The surplus was wasted in extravagant expenditure and unjust and unnecessary taxation was continued. The republican party found on the advent of Harrison to office that the people were no longer divided by sectional lines, but prosperous and thoroughly united. The republican party, through the agency of the speaker of the house, had deprived democratic representatives of their rightful seats and sought to perpetuate its power and destroy the anatomy of the several states by means of the notorious force bill. The democratic party was deeply grateful to the senators and representatives who contributed to defeat the obnoxious measure, and more especially to Hon. Arthur P. Gorman whose leadership contributed largely to that defeat. The existing tariff system, the platform declares, casts an unnecessary burden upon the people and tends to accumulate enormous wealth in the hands of a few and promote monopolists. These abuses, it believes, can only be corrected by the election of a president and a congress pledged to careful and thorough revision of the tariff system. A dollar in gold coin and a dollar in silver coin should be of equal exchangeable value, the platform declares, in all markets of the United States, and any attempt to depreciate by legislation either of these metals, ought to be deprecated and condemned. The platform closes with an endorsement of Senator Gorman for reelection by the next assembly to the senate.

Although Gorman was not present the convention was none the less enthusiastic, responding enthusiastically to frequent calls for "three cheers for Gorman." Hon. Barnes Compton, chairman of the state central committee, called the convention to order at noon. Ex-Governor Henry Lloyd was selected chairman. The preliminary organization being completed, nominations were in order. Dr. Frank T. Shaw of Carroll county placed in nomination Frank Brown for governor. He was nominated by acclamation. Other nominations were also made by acclamation amid much enthusiasm. John P. Poe of Baltimore, for attorney general; J. Frank Ford of St. Mary's county, for clerk of the court of appeals; Marion DeKalb Smith of Kent county, for comptroller.

Although Senator Gorman was unable to be present, the convention was unanimously for him as is shown by the resolutions adopted and the frequent and rapturous applause when his name was mentioned. Not only does the platform recognize his signal services to the democracy, but a special resolution endorsing him for reelection to the senate gives evidence of the esteem in which he is held. One enthusiastic speaker said that "he leader in defeating the Force bill would be the next president of the United States." From first to last the convention was more of a ratification meeting and oration to Senator Gorman than a party convention.

Dragoons Charge Upon the Crowd.
TOULOUSE, July 30.—The strike of employees on the horse car railroads has assumed serious proportions. The strikers to-day demolished the kiosks on the principal thoroughfares, and tried to destroy the tracks of the roads. Dragoons had to be sent to the scene of the disturbance. During a charge made by the cavalry upon the crowds upon the boulevards many people were injured and a number of arrests were made.

Decorating French Officers.
PARIS, July 30.—The Russian government has decorated Admiral Vignes and Commander Cécile, chief officer and second officer, respectively, of the French.

WALL STREET EXCITED.

One of the Oldest Banking Houses Said to Be in Trouble.

NEW YORK, July 30.—The stock exchange was full of false rumors to-day affecting the credit of banking houses and commercial firms, and the manner in which the names of big houses were handled caused great alarm. It was believed by many that there must be some foundation for the reports, and many holders of stocks and bonds threw overboard their securities. Union Pacific suffered most from the bear attacks which accompanied this liquidation, and sold down to 30 1/2, or 3/4 below the lowest point. Cotton and other staples were also affected by the rumors.

The Evening Sun prints the following in an extra: For several years there have been whispers in Wall street about the credit of a great Anglo-American banking house. It has been understood in consequence of its connection with some outside enterprises, the house has been in a very shaky condition. The house in question is one of the oldest on Wall street, and its foreign house is one of the largest banking houses in London. The first talk about it some months ago when bills of exchange of this house were discriminated against. Then about two or three weeks ago it was understood the house was in trouble and another large house was helping it out. It was stated that by to-morrow it would be definitely known whether or not the house would pull through.

Mr. Dickey, of the firm of Brown Brothers & Co., said he had heard of the rumor. It was to the effect that some firm was in debt in the sum of \$1,000,000 which they could not pay. "What firm is it or whether there is any such firm at all I do not know," he continued, "I only know it is not our firm and that is all I know about it. The man or men who started such a rumor ought to be found out and sent to the penitentiary for life. Such a crime is worse than murder. It does the country more harm."

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

Cardinal Gibbons Believes the Catholic Missions Will Be Treated Fairly.

BALTIMORE, July 30.—In conversation with a reporter to-night regarding the controversy between the bureau of Catholic Indian missions and the commission of Indian affairs, Cardinal Gibbons said, after investigation, he is satisfied that undue importance has been attached to the recent controversy. He does not see how a change in the manner of preparing contracts, deemed advisable by Commissioner Morgan, can in any manner affect the real interest of the Indians, and, therefore, it is a point which should not disturb Catholics. The bureau of Catholic Indian missions is still in position to labor in many fields of usefulness. Archbishop Ireland who visited the commissioner received ample and positive assurance of his disposition and intention to treat Catholic Indian schools with equity and generosity. The cardinal added that Archbishop Ireland is personally satisfied that Morgan's assurances will be carried out and he (the cardinal) has every reason to believe the president and secretary of the interior are benevolently disposed toward Catholic Indian schools and will treat them in a just and equitable manner.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, Minn., called upon the commissioner of Indian affairs to-day and had an interview, during which the commissioner desired the statement made that he has received satisfactory assurances that no part of the money received by the bureau of Catholic Indian missions from the government for the education of Indian children had been used for the expenses of the bureau, but the entire amount had been paid to and used by the schools for which it was intended.

UNREST IN CHINA.

Mobs Are Making Trouble—Sinking of a Steamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—The steamer City of Peking arrived this evening from Hong Kong and Yokohama bringing the following advices from China: Trouble in Yangtze valley has spread as far as Tientsin, a China inland mission station in Szechuan. An attempt was made by a mob to capture the steamer, Tamsamur. A church was pillaged and considerable damage was done. The feeling of uneasiness at other places in the north are not allayed and only the presence of a large number of gendarmes on Yangtze checked the rioters. An imperial edict reducing Chinese garrisons throughout the empire, imposing a new tax on salt, and requiring the whole of the tax on opium for imperial purposes is mentioned as one of the chief causes of the present ferment. Advices from Yokohama state the steamer Tamsamur of Hoko date, while returning from Suto with 30 laborers aboard, came into collision with the steamer Migoshi Maru, off Shiragami. The Tamsamur immediately sank with a loss of 260 persons drowned and missing. The captain, the first officer and 60 laborers reached shore.

WANAMAKER'S NEW DEAL.

He Tells the Postoffice Clerks That No More Political Pulls Go.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The first competitive examination for promotions in the postoffice department under the postmaster general's recent change took place to-day. The postmaster general was present at the examination and made a brief address to the clerks in which he spoke encouragingly of prospects opened up to employees in the department by the new departure. He gave them assurance that hereafter advancement in the department will depend solely upon the results of these examinations and their office records. Hitherto he said the person that obtained a place in the department landed at the foot of the staircase and stayed there until "strong backing" or "powerful influence" pushed them upwards. He assured them that such a custom should no longer prevail.

Fassett Is Willing.
WASHINGTON, July 30.—Mr. Fassett called upon Secretary Foster this morning and accepted the collectorship of the port of New York.

A FIRE AT BELLEVUE.

John Heard, an Old Miner, Accidentally Ignited and Sent to Blackfoot.

BELLEVUE, Idaho, July 30.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon in Bellevue, smoke was observed issuing from the kitchen of George B. Hill's residence on Third street. No person was in the house at the time, and an alarm was given by neighbors. The fire company responded promptly and in five or six minutes had water on the flames and quickly extinguished them. The fire, however, had done its work and nothing was left but the frame, which is virtually a wreck. Nearly all the furniture and effects were saved by willing helpers. Loss, \$1,000. No insurance. Mr. Hill is one of Bellevue's enterprising merchants and will rebuild.

John Heard, an old miner on Wood river, was to-day adjudged insane and taken to the asylum at Blackfoot. He has been an invalid for some years, having met with a severe fracture of the skull while mining some two years ago. He sought relief in California, where he had a surgical operation performed, but with little success. Heard is in good circumstances, but his case is considered hopeless.

At Bailey this afternoon Rev. R. G. Van Winkle's daughter Grace, 3 years old, accidentally fell off a dwelling porch, breaking her left elbow.

DIDN'T DUCK HIS HEAD.

William Bufer, a Montreal Man, Drowned in the River at Livingston.

Special to the Standard.

LIVINGSTON, July 30.—William Bufer, formerly of Montreal, Canada, was drowned in the river at the foot of Main street this afternoon. Burns and seven companions had constructed a boat during the past week, and this afternoon launched it and started for Cogswell, N. D., where they expected to find employment in the wheat fields. After they had gone down the river a few rods, the boat drifted in toward the shore and under a tree, the branches of which hung down over the water's edge. One of the party noticed the limbs hanging over the water and yelled for all to duck their heads. Everyone did so except Bufer, who was steering. When the limbs struck him he let go the oar and grabbed one of them. The boat was soon righted and the party started to row back for Burns, but before they reached him he let go and sank out of sight. A search is being made for the body.

THE STATUS OF THE FATHER.

Children Born of a Citizen and an Indian Woman are Citizens.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 30.—A Pierre, S. D., special to the Pioneer Press says: Considerable comment has been aroused by a decision of the United States court in regard to the status of children born of an Indian woman and a white citizen husband. The case was that of the United States vs. Ward, on a charge of selling liquor to a half-breed. The evidence was that the half-breed in question had a negro father, who was a citizen and an Indian mother. The decision of the court is that children follow the status of their father, and hence are citizens of the United States and amenable only to its laws. If the decision holds good it will affect the ownership of the greatest part of the lands taken up in the vicinity of Fort Pierre and Stanley across the river from Pierre, as it is nearly all held by squaw men's children or their wives.

THEY MAY STRIKE.

Arthur Promises the Kansas City Engineers the Support of the Brotherhood.

KANSAS CITY, July 30.—Chief Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Engineers came here to-day for the purpose of settling the grievance between the engineers of the Kansas City elevated road and Revere Edgerton of the road. The engineers object to a reduction of wages from \$2.75 to \$2.47 1/2 per day and the discharge of seven engineers appointed as a grievance committee. Chief Arthur, on behalf of the engineers, made a proposition to Edgerton to work for \$2.70 per day, which was refused, and the conference ended. It is very probable the engineers will go out on a strike. Chief Arthur promises them the support of the Brotherhood in the event they go out.

BURNED THEIR IDOLS.

Nearly the Whole Tribe of Chippewas Converted to Christianity.

CHICAGO, July 30.—A dispatch from Duluth, Minn., says that Capt. Jack Crawford has returned from a trip to the northern part of Vermilion lake and that Frank Porter, a half breed, and Mrs. Dempson of Stillwater, Minn., have for three months past been working among the Chippewa Indians on the reservation and have converted nearly all to Christianity. A few days ago the Indians gathered all their idols in a big pile and burned them.

The Missouri on the Rampage.

ST. PAUL, July 30.—A dispatch from Pierre, S. D., says: There were lively times at Fort Pierre yesterday, caused by a sudden change in the channel of the Missouri river, which washed away a strip of bank 80 feet wide and a quarter of a mile long. There were several frame buildings on the strip, but by energetic work they were barely saved from toppling over into the flood.

New York Republicans.

NEW YORK, July 30.—The republican state committee has decided to hold the state convention at Rochester on September 9.

A Novelist Dead.

LONDON, July 30.—Jesse Fothergill, the novelist, died to-day. He was the author of "The First Vision" and other works.

Germany's Surplus.

BERLIN, July 30.—The final budget of the empire for the year 1890-91 shows a surplus of 15,148,231 marks over the estimate.

Surgeon Is Worse.

LONDON, July 30.—Mr. Surgeon passed a restless day. He shows repugnance to food, and his friends are again anxious.

FOR PARNELL NO LONGER

Dillon and O'Brien are Free Men Once More.

THEIR TERM IN JAIL ENDED

They Give the McCarthyites Assurances That They Will Help Them in Case of Need—Received With Enthusiasm.

DUBLIN, July 30.—William O'Brien and John Dillon, two Irish members of parliament, who have been undergoing a sentence of six months' imprisonment for inciting tenants of the Smith-Barry estate at Tipperary to resist payments of rents, were released from the Galway jail this morning. Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien showed but slight traces of having suffered from the rigors of confinement in jail, and in fact seemed to be enjoying the most perfect health. Large crowds of people gathered outside the jail long before the hour set for delivery of the two imprisoned Irish leaders, and when the latter made their appearance they were greeted with loud shouts of "Stick to Parnell!" intermixed with others: "Down with Parnell!" An address of congratulation upon their release was offered. After replying briefly to the address of welcome and shaking hands with a number of the most prominent people present, both Dillon and O'Brien entered Mrs. William O'Brien's carriage and were driven, followed by repeated cheers and shouts of good wishes, to the residence of Bishop McCormick, where the entire party were entertained at breakfast. The released prisoners and their families will start for the city during the afternoon.

Dillon and O'Brien received addresses at Athlone and Mullingar. Dillon responding said he believed in the near future the party will be again united. On arriving in Dublin, Dillon and O'Brien were met by an immense crowd composed of both sections of the party. Dillon, in conversation with several McCarthyites, promised in the event of the bye elections being contested by Parnellites he would intervene in support of the McCarthyites' candidate.

LONDON, July 30.—The Exchange Telegraph company says that Dillon and O'Brien have declared they cannot again accept Parnell's leadership.

LIVERPOOL, July 30.—President Emmet of the American National federation, accompanied by William J. Lane and by Maurice Healy, members of parliament for Cork, sailed for New York on board the steamship Majestic. At Queenstown to-day Emmet was presented with an address in behalf of the town commission. Replying, Emmet said: "The Irish in America will always give material support to a party approved by the Irish people, but not a cent to a faction. If O'Brien and Dillon speak against Parnell, the American apathy will disappear."

HE WON'T COMMIT HIMSELF.

Secretary Foster Declines to Answer the St. Louis Tin Plate Fakir Outright.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The secretary of the treasury has written F. G. Neidringhaus of St. Louis in reply to his query regarding the importation of skilled workmen for his tin plate mills, saying that no regulations have been issued by the department prescribing forms relating to that subject. It is not the practice to express opinions or make advanced rulings on hypothetical cases that may arise, but lest Neidringhaus might draw improper inferences of the permission, his attention is called to the fifth section of the alien contract labor act, and the suggestion is made that the secretary is not prepared at this time to express any opinion as to whether skilled labor for the St. Louis Stamping company cannot be otherwise obtained than by importation of alien laborers. The secretary does not understand it was the purpose of the superintendent of immigration in his recent letter to Neidringhaus to express any opinions other than those involved above.

SUPPOSED TO BE HARMLESS.

A Lunatic Kills His Keeper and Throws His Body Into a Furnace.

ELGIN, Ill., July 30.—A horrible crime, for which the author will not suffer, occurred at the Northern Illinois insane hospital here to-day. Freeman George Lindsay had for a helper John Anderson, a quiet patient. They were in the cool house, no others being present, and the lunatic, possessed with a sudden madness, killed Lindsay with a heavy hammer. Being caught in the act, he thrust the unconscious and dying man into the furnace. Anderson is a man 45 years of age, whose mania is of a religious nature, and in the six years since he came from Rockford, had never shown homicidal tendencies. The coroner's verdict holds nobody guilty of blame.

FIFTEEN INCHES IN 24 HOURS.

A Marvelous Rainfall Resulting in the Drowning of 300 Persons.

BOMBAY, July 30.—During the past 24 hours 15 inches of rain have fallen. The towns of Bhownagar and Mahodda, in the province of Gujerat, are flooded with water which rises breast high in the streets. Three hundred people and a countless number of head of live stock are drowned.

Used Koch's Lymph With Success.

BERLIN, July 30.—Dr. Thamm of Dusseldorf has issued a report to the effect that he has managed, by the Koch system, to bring about a complete cure in 40 per cent. of the cases of tuberculosis which he has treated, and satisfactory results occurred in 45 per cent. of the other cases treated by the same system. Naturally the followers of Koch are elated.

The Bridge Fight.

OMAHA, July 30.—The Union Pacific this morning to-day granted the Rock Island and Milwaukee the use of the bridge track until the new rules schedule can be completed.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS.

The Holy See Appoints an Extraordinary Commission to Reorganize Them.

ROME, July 30.—The Holy See has just appointed an extraordinary commission of cardinals to reorganize Catholic missions. Two years ago Cardinal Simoni prepared and communicated to the pope a plan of reforms in order better to regulate the action of the propaganda, but the coming of General Simons from England on a special mission to Pope Leo XIII. referring to colonial questions and the effect of postponing the execution of the projected reforms, as the propaganda did not wish to awaken the idea that reforms were made in consequence of arrangement with England. Any suspicion of such an arrangement would have aroused the greatest jealousy in France. Leo, who always has been in favor of the missions taking a leading part in the work of colonization, has revised these projected reforms. The inquiry of the commission of cardinals will, it is said, extend over the whole apostolic world. The Vatican does not intend to let the question of social reform drop, now that the pope's encyclical letter has been published. It is stated that inquiries are still being made and instructions sent to prelates in all countries to encourage Catholics to their utmost towards ameliorating the condition of the poor and effecting the social reforms urged in the encyclical.

The recent economic crisis at Rome has almost ruined many great ancient families, such as Borghese, Sciarra and Barberini.

HAS WANTED TO A LONG TIME.

But of Course Quay Says He Couldn't Resign Under Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, July 30.—Senator Quay arrived here this evening. In an interview he spoke freely of his resignation from the republican national committee. "I was merely desirous of relinquishing the chairmanship," said he, "and in order to do that it was necessary that I should withdraw entirely from the committee. I had previously made several attempts to resign. I first made up my mind to withdraw on the Saturday night following the presidential election in 1888. I was persuaded not to carry out my purpose then. In March, 1890, while in Florida, I wrote Mr. Clarkson, asking him to call the committee together to consider my resignation. Shortly after this attack was begun on me and of course I could not resign under fire. Recently I concluded the time had arrived when I could properly sever my connection with the committee and I did so."

THE MASONIC FEUD.

A Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. Created in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 30.—As a result of the feud in the Masonic fraternity of Ohio, growing out of the differences between the northern jurisdiction and the Cerneau rite, there is a split in the Master Mason grand lodge. Masons identified with the Cerneau are under ban, and this culminated in the creation of the grand lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, which to-day received a charter from the secretary of state. An irrevocable clause in the constitution provides that this grand lodge shall recognize as Masonic no degrees in Masonry except entered apprentices, fellowcraft and master, nor shall it recognize any body as Masonic which confers other than those three degrees. It will not, however, prescribe any one for having taken any of the so-called higher degrees.

OVER AT PHILIPSBURG.

Proceedings of the Council—The Combination Mill to Start Up To-day.

Special to the Standard.

PHILIPSBURG, July 30.—At a special meeting of the town council to-night the following members of the council were elected as a board of equalization for the ensuing year: F. Wilson, A. McIntyre, Fred Bowen and William Weinstein. A long petition was ready to present, praying for the removal of the present marshal, but its advocates were in the minority and it was withheld until the next regular meeting.

The Combination company's mill at Black Pine will start up to-morrow. Everything at that camp is again in a very prosperous condition, and the addition to the mill is being pushed with vigor.

A Denver Financier Goes Up.

NEW YORK, July 30.—John C. Avery, a broker in investment securities, made assignment to-day to Louis C. Whitton, giving a preference to Annie E. Avery for \$5,000 for borrowed money. Avery acknowledged the deed in Denver July 23. Avery opened office in this city in June, 1889, and claimed to be worth \$200,000. He has been engaged for 15 years previously in money lending in the West, particularly at Denver and Kansas City. He organized and was president of Denver Land Security company with office at 115 Broadway. The capital stock was increased at that time to \$1,000,000. The management, it is said, rested mainly on Avery. A year ago the company claimed assets of \$1,775,535 against liabilities of \$1,465,650 of which \$1,000,000 was capital stock. It is stated that the stringency of the money market made it impossible to realize promptly.

Follow the Governor of Minnesota.

LONDON, July 30.—In the common to-day Cobb, member for Rugby, referred to the recent Pritchard-Smith fight and urged the government to take stringent steps to stop the revival of illegal prize fights under the pretense that they were simply glove contests or boxing bouts. Matthews, home secretary, said if evidence was forthcoming to show that the contest was of an illegal character all concerned would be prosecuted.

Cardinal Gibbons' Narrow Escape.

BALTIMORE, July 30.—Cardinal Gibbons had a narrow escape from a serious accident this afternoon. While out riding the horses attached to his carriage were frightened by a fractious horse a young man was riding, and started on a breakneck run down Mount Royal drive. The cardinal and driver, however, retained their presence of mind, and ran the horses against a stone gate, causing them to fall and stop the carriage.

NONE FOR POOR TIMOTHY

Mrs. Hopkins-Searles Leaves All Her Many Millions to Her Husband.

ANOTHER BIG WILL CONTEST

She Declared The Slight to Her Adopted Son Was Intentional—His Lawyer Says He Will Fight.

SALEM, Mass., July 30.—The will of the late Mrs. Mary Hopkins-Searles of Methuen was filed for probate to-day. She bequeaths all her property of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situated to her husband, Edward F. Searles, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever. In the document she says: "The omission to provide in this will for my adopted son, Timothy Hopkins, is intentional and not occasioned by accident or mistake." The will, which is dated July 16, 1888, further says: "Whereas, my said husband, I do now declare my intention and my understanding of his intention that he be free at any time during my life, without notice to me, and after my death, if he survive me, to cancel, revoke his said will, or make any new will or wills, codicil or codicils, and shall have entire freedom to dispose by such new will or codicil or in any other manner, whether by deed, sale, gift or otherwise, of all or any part of his property, and I reserve similar freedom and rights for myself during his life and after his death if I survive him."

The executors of the will are Edward F. Searles and Mrs. Searles' partners, Thomas E. Stillman and Thomas Hubbard, who are exempted from giving bonds. The witnesses to the will are William W. Dodge of Cambridge, Charles M. Thornton, Lawrence, Mass., and William O. Morris of Methuen. The above comprises the entire dictation of the will, save 50 or 70 words of legal verbiage.

ARRIVAL OF BISHOP BOWMAN.

The Methodist Conference at Great Falls Now Ready for Business.

Special to the Standard.

GREAT FALLS, July 30.—The fifth annual session of the Montana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church began this morning at 9 o'clock. There were present all the ministers of the conference, except four, who are expected to-morrow, and some lay delegates. In the absence of Bishop Bowman the Rev. Jacob Mills, senior presiding elder, occupied the chair. The following officers were elected: Secretary, George C. Stull; assistant secretaries, Philip Lowry and Frank J. Boyan; statistical secretary, John W. Bennett; assistant, John Hosking; treasurer, W. E. King.

Addresses were delivered by Dr. P. C. Hetzler, agent of the American Bible society, and Dr. W. A. Spencer, one of the secretaries of the board of church extension. Resolutions were adopted expressive of appreciation of their presence and labors.

Various committees were appointed and the conference adjourned until 4 p. m.

Bishop Bowman of St. Louis, who is to preside over the session, arrived this afternoon, accompanied by Dr. J. O. Peck of New York. Rev. J. D. King of Virginia City and several lay delegates arrived on the same train. At 4 o'clock the conference was called to order by the bishop and after prayer and a few remarks by him the conference again adjourned to meet to-morrow morning.

A reception was given this evening by the ladies of the M. E. church to the bishop, members of the conference and their friends and was largely attended. After the reception a fine repast was served to all present. Taking all in all there never was a jollier gathering of Christian people than at the reception and banquet to-night. To-morrow the hard work will begin and every minister and layman present is ready to perform his part.

RAILROAD MEN AT GREAT FALLS

A New Mining Company Incorporated With a Capital of \$800,000.

Special to the Standard.

GREAT FALLS, July 30.—Attached to the Great Northern train from the east this morning was a private car containing several railroad officials, among whom were C. J. Shields, general superintendent of the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City road; S. S. Brown, attorney for the Rock Island road; S. A. Brooks, assistant general freight agent of the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City road, and Gen. Mark D. Flower, president and general manager of the Union stock yards of St. Paul. They will go to Helena and Butte Friday.

W. H. Todd, editor of the Fort Benton Press, arrived in the city to-day. He will visit the Butte races before returning to his home.

J. Kusey, T. W. Thomson, J. M. Patton, H. J. Skinner, A. M. Peterson and C. C. Proctor of Great Falls and Alex. Wright of Helena have filed articles of incorporation organizing the Printers' Mining company, with a capital stock of \$800,000. The purpose of the company is to enter into mining operations in the Barker and Carbonate districts. The principal office of the company will be in Great Falls.

Soled by American Vessels.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—The steamer Bertha, which arrived at Kodiak, Alaska, to-night, reports that she was informed by the steamer Elsie that the sealing schooners La Nymphe and Mollie Adams in the Behring sea have been seized by United States vessels for taking seals in sea. J. H. Turner and party, who went to Alaska for the coast and geodetic survey two years ago to make a survey of the country, returned on a steamer from Unalakleet to-night.